

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 20 and 39 will have been amended. In view of the herein contained amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection applied against the claims in the present application. Such action is respectfully requested and is now believed to appropriate and proper.

In the outstanding Official Action, the Examiner rejected claims 20-31, 39-49, and 57-69 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over ENDO (U.S. Patent No. 6,801,340) in view of HUANG et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication 2003/0097361). Applicant respectfully traverses the above rejection and submits that it is inappropriate.

Applicant's invention is directed to a communication apparatus that is connected to a terminal apparatus via a network. The communication apparatus includes a control panel that is configured to enter a destination address and a memory that stores an address book, including a plurality of destination addresses. The address book is stored as an HTML file and the communication apparatus further includes a transmitter that transmits image data to a designated destination address which is stored in the address book. The image data is transmitted by at least one of the network and a telephone network, in response to an input from the control panel.

The communication apparatus further includes a communicator that transmits the address book to the terminal apparatus when a request for the address book is received from the terminal apparatus, and the address book is displayable at the terminal apparatus. A controller is provided that, in response to an instruction from the terminal apparatus, transmits at least one input screen associated with the address book to the terminal

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apparatus, the input screen having an input field enabling modification of the destination address and the input screen is configured so that the address book can be modified from the terminal apparatus.

The communicator transmits the address book and menu items to the terminal apparatus so that the address book and the menu items are displayed as a single image at the terminal apparatus, the menu items being utilized to request the communication apparatus to transmit an input screen for changing a content of the address book. The control panel, memory, transmitter, communicator and the controller are included within a self-contained unit.

It is respectfully submitted that the combination of features defining Applicant's invention as set forth in claim 20 and the generally related communication method as set forth in claim 39 are not taught, disclosed nor rendered obvious by the combination of references relied upon by the Examiner.

Applicant's hereby incorporate the remarks made in the Response filed on December 27, 2004 as a basis for the patentability of the pending claims. Applicant further wishes to offer several observations regarding the HUANG et al. reference and the Examiner's characterization of the same in the "Response to Arguments" section of the Advisory Action of February 2, 2005.

In the above-noted Advisory Action, in paragraph 5 of the "Response to Arguments", the Examiner took the position that Figs. 5A and 5B of HUANG et al. show an address book that was transmitted to a terminal apparatus. The Examiner pointed out that menu items are shown at the top of the HTML page and near the bottom of the HTML page, and the Examiner directed Applicant's attention to paragraph [0074] and paragraph [0072]. It is

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respectfully submitted that neither of these paragraphs relate to the features recited in Applicant's claims.

In particular, paragraph [0072] relates to Fig. 2D which shows a desktop 260 which includes an alphabetical index for cataloging addresses. In particular, desktop 260 has nicknames and the e-mail addresses associated with each nickname or short name. The user can retrieve additional information for a particular name in a desktop by simply clicking on that name. Further, the user can also create a group address that includes a set of members and their addresses. Subsequently, the user is able to send a message to all members of the group by simply indicating the short name of the group and the recipient field of the e-mail message. Paragraph [0072] indicates that additional information regarding a name and desktop can be obtained and that a message can be sent to all members of the group by utilizing the short name of the group.

Clearly Fig. 2D and the disclosure at paragraph [0072] do not relate to an input screen having an input field enabling modification of a destination address with the communicator having the address book and the menu items displayed as a single image, in the combination of features recited in Applicant's claims 20 and 39.

Similarly, paragraph [0074] relates to e-mail applications and indicates that the address book can be utilized whenever a new e-mail message is sent. The button 522 is utilized to display the address book and, by designating a particular recipient in the e-mail window and clicking button 515, the selected address can be added to the recipient field of the e-mail message. However, this does not result in a modification of the address book itself. It merely utilizes the names in the address book to send an e-mail message as recipient's for an e-mail message.

The Examiner further discusses Fig. 5B and the screen 540 with reference to paragraph [0076]. However, Fig. 5B does not show the address book and the menu items in a single image. Rather, Fig. 5B is related to sending of e-mail and updating of the user's address book in conjunction with the information in a received e-mail message. While Fig. 5B can be used to add a name to the address book, this is not in accordance with the recitations of Applicant's claims. The button 532 which is clicked in order to add an address to the address book is not in the same image as the address book, as is clear from window 550 which shows the address book.

Although Applicant submits that HUANG et al. does not disclose the features for which the Examiner relies thereupon, Applicant has amended the claims of the present application even further to clarify and emphasize the distinctions between the prior art and the claims of the present application. In particular, Applicant has now defined the "menu items being utilized to request the communication apparatus to transmit an input screen for changing a content of the address book". It is respectfully submitted that this feature together with the other combination of features including, inter alia, the address book and the menu items being displayed as a single image, is not taught, disclosed nor rendered obvious by HUANG et al. or by any proper combination of HUANG et al. and ENDO.

Applicant further wishes to make of record an interview conducted between Applicant's undersigned representative and Examiner Pokrzywa who is in charge of the present application. This interview was conducted by telephone on March 1, 2005 and the Examiner is thanked for his cooperation in scheduling the interview as well as his prompt review of the application to enable the interview to take place on short notice.

During the above-noted interview, Applicant's undersigned representative discussed the disclosures of paragraphs [0072], [0074] and [0076] in detail with respect to the Figs. 2D, 5A and 5B. Arguments similar to those set forth above were made and at the conclusion of the interview, the Examiner indicated that he felt Applicant's amendment had helped clarify the differences between the cited references and the features of the invention. The Examiner further indicated that he fully understood the differences between the invention and the disclosure of the references. The Examiner, of course, indicated that he would further need to review in detail the disclosure of the HUANG et al. reference and indicated that upon completion of his review, he would contact Applicant's undersigned representative. Applicant's undersigned representative again thanks the Examiner for his consideration and for his cooperative nature during the above-noted interview.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection together with an indication of the allowability of all the claims pending in the present application. Such action is respectfully requested and is now believed to be appropriate and proper.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

Applicant has made a sincere effort to place the present application in condition for allowance and believes that he has now done so. Upon entry of the present amendment, Applicant will have amended the claims, will have responded to the Examiner's Response to Arguments in the Advisory Action of February 2, 2005, and will have made a telephone interview of record.

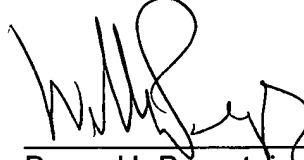
Applicant has pointed out the distinctions and differences between the claims and the references relied upon by the Examiner. Applicant has pointed out the shortcomings of the references with respect to the claims in the present application, paying particular attention to the manner in which the Examiner has interpreted the cited reference. Accordingly, Applicant has provided a clear evidentiary basis supporting the patentability of all the claims in the present application and respectfully requests an indication to such effect in due course.

Any amendments to the claims which have been made in this amendment, and which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon the prior art, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

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Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this Response, or the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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